

Boating Advisory Board
Minutes
6:30 p.m. - Thursday, April 8, 2010
Spicer House – Noank, CT

1. Call to Order: 6:40 PM
2. Roll Call: Bill Grady, Tom Tobin, Jack Komorowski, Kit Talbot, Beth Robinson, Jerry Lokken, Greg Leonard (Parks & Recreation Commission) Jim Giblin (Harbor master), Paul Bates (Chair, Harbor Commission)
3. Minutes of meeting, March 10, 2010, approved.
4. Correspondence/Communications
 - Budget update: Spicer Park dock maintenance is included in Parks & Recreation budget for FY! 2010.
 - Request from Norwich Rowing to use Spicer Park: Norwich cannot use their dock and has been looking for another location for the high school crew. They have inquired about use of Spicer Park. Parks & Recreation would consider the request, and would charge a fee for use of the dock. Norwich use of the dock would be dependent on arrangements to avoid conflict with use by existing programs.
5. Reports
6. Old Business
 - Municipal-owned water properties
 - Esker Point Beach – temporary boat locking cable; town employees will install the locking cable according Jack Komorowski's design.
 - Peruzzotti Boat Launch – Group agreed that the location would be suitable for racks for small boats. Lokken will discuss project with

Parks foreman. Tobin suggested building one rack as a trial to see if there is interest in the community.

- Healthy Groton Month demo events
- Bill Grady distributed a brochure for the Small Boat Day at Esker Point on 5/8/2010. Participants will include distributors for kayaks and sailboats and participant groups. Events will include boat demonstrations and a talk on kayaking in rough water. Parks & Recreation will provide tables for vendors. Lokken requested that Grady email details, which will be advertised on the Town of Groton web site for Healthy Groton Week and in publicity releases. The Esker Point concession stand will be open for the event. Robinson suggested that Lokken request police boat presence.
- Monahan has arranged for D. Avery to demonstrate rowing shells at Spicer Park on 5/15/2010. Tobin and Talbot volunteered to assist Monahan the event.
- Spicer Park shelter for rowing shells – Capital Improvement Project: Lokken is waiting for a response from Grasso Tech on building the shelter as a class project. Robinson suggested contacting other Vo-Tech schools as well. Lokken requested that BAB members assist in recruiting a volunteer to serve as construction supervisor.
- Steps to Spicer Beach for launching of kayaks: Grant funds may be available for construction of a stone wall and steps. Lokken reported that the Parks Foreman will oversee the construction.
- Noank Town Dock – swim buoy and dock repairs
 - Giblin noted that Harbor Masters could, at one time, authorize swim bouys. As of 2008 the DEP regulations require a permit. Because of the proximity to the Mystic River channel, it may also be necessary to

obtain a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. The permit applications could possibly trigger state objections to the location of the swimming and town dock. As an alternative, Giblin suggested anchoring a line of floats off of the beach to designate the swimming area. He offered to plot the points for anchoring a float line. He could then issue a mooring permit to the Town of Groton to anchor the float line. The current sign should be replaced with one indicating that: a) swimming is permitted from beach, and b) transient dockage of dinghies is permitted for a limited time (e.g. two hours).

- Mr. Giblin reported that the state has grant funds for transient boating and fishing, which may be available for repairs to the Town dock. Lokken will inquire about possible grant availability.

7. New Business

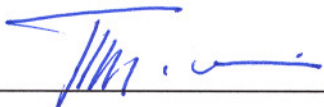
- Update on Shellfish lease in Noank – The Shellfish Commission property is not available for recreational boating.
- Marketing of water access via internet and brochure: Lokken has found a state coastal access map from 1991 that needs to be updated. The map could be completed and available on the web site within 2 months.

8. Next Meeting Date – May 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. – Spicer House

9. Adjournment: 8:00

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature



Date

5/14/10